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TRADE BILL

REF: STATE 278842

1. THIS AFTERNOON (DEC 20) IN ADVERTING TO OUR ADMINISTRATION'S POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS OVER THE PROPOSED VENEZUELAN TRUST FUND IN IDB, I SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE THE ONLY PROBLEM WHICH OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH FACED WITH CONGRESS. I THEN TOLD FONMIN THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMAL WORD I HAD RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM WASHINGTON, IT SEEMED PROBABLY THAT THE TRADE BILL WOULD BE PASSED WITH THAT PROVISION INTACT WHICH PROVIDES THAT GOVERNMENTS FORMING CARTELS (E.G. OPEC) WOULD NOT BE ENTITLED TO GENERALIZED PREFERENCES. I STRESSED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD DONE ITS UTMOST TO REMOVE THESE RESTRICTIVE SENTENCES FROM THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND PERMITTED THE MINISTER TO READ SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TESTIMONY AS SET OUT REFTEL. I ASKED HIM PLEASE TO TELL PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT EVEN IF THE LEGISLATION WERE ADOPTED, WE WERE NOT SEEKING OUT SOLELY VENEZUELA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS THE TARGET BUT THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL WAS GENERAL IN NATURE AND NOT POINTED AT ANY ONE COUNTRY.

2. THE MINISTER ACCEPTED THIS POINT WITH EQUANIMITY BUT I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A NATIONALISTIC STANCE WHEN AND IF THE BILL BECOMES LAW. MCCLINTOCK

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